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Moderator

Secretary Tom Vilsack
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Tom Vilsack serves as the Nation's 30th Secretary of Agriculture.

As leader of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Vilsack is working hard to strengthen the American agricultural economy, build vibrant rural communities and create new markets for the tremendous innovation of rural America. In more than six years at the Department, Vilsack has worked to implement President Obama's agenda to put Americans back to work and create an economy built to last. USDA has supported America's farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, provided food assistance to millions of Americans, carried out record conservation efforts, made record investments in our rural communities and helped provide a safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply for the American people.

The Obama Administration and USDA have made historic investments in America's rural communities, helping create ladders of opportunity for rural people and building thriving rural economies for the long term. As chair of the first-ever White House Rural Council, Secretary Vilsack and USDA are taking steps to strengthen services for rural businesses and entrepreneurs by finding new ways to make the connection between the demand for investment in rural areas and the financial community.

USDA is promoting American agriculture by conducting cutting-edge research and expanding markets at home and abroad. The years 2009-2014 represent the strongest six years in history for agricultural trade, and new trade agreements President Obama signed with Colombia, South Korea and Panama will create even more export opportunities for American farmers and ranchers. Here at home, USDA has helped increase the number of farmers markets by 180 percent since 2006, and made more than 500

investments in local food infrastructure — including food hubs, local processing facilities and distribution networks — to help connect farmers and consumers and create jobs all along the supply chain for local food.

Vilsack knows that conserving natural resources is critical to the long-term strength of our economy. That is why USDA has enrolled a record number of private working lands in conservation programs and implemented new strategies — such as landscape-scale efforts — to restore our forests and clean our water supply. This work is creating private sector jobs protecting and rehabilitating our forests and wetlands, and providing increased opportunities for outdoor recreation, which supports 6.1 million direct jobs across the country.

Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has partnered with First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative to improve the health of America's children. He helped pass and implement the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act, enabling USDA to help combat child hunger and obesity by making the most significant improvements to school meals in 30 years. He has led a comprehensive effort to improve the safety of the American food supply, implementing changes to food safety standards to prevent illnesses by reducing the prevalence of E. coli, salmonella and campylobacter in our meat and poultry. He has made civil rights a top priority, reaching historic resolutions to all major past cases of discrimination brought against USDA by minority groups, and taking definitive action to move USDA into a new era as a model employer and premier service provider.

Prior to his appointment, Vilsack served two terms as the Governor of Iowa, in the Iowa State Senate and as the mayor of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Vilsack was born into an orphanage and adopted in 1951. After graduating Hamilton College and Albany Law School in New York, he moved to Mt. Pleasant, his wife Christie's hometown, where he practiced law. The Vilsacks have two adult sons and two daughters-in-law — Doug, married to Janet; and Jess, married to Kate. They also have four grandchildren.

Dr. Shenggen Fan
Director General
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

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Shenggen Fan (樊胜根) has been director general of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) since 2009.

Dr. Fan joined IFPRI in 1995 as a research fellow, conducting extensive research on pro-poor development strategies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He led IFPRI's program on public investment before becoming the director of the Institute's Development Strategy and Governance Division in 2005. He now serves as the Vice-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food and Nutrition Security, after serving as Chair of the Council from 2012 to 2014. He is one of the Champions of Target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, dedicated to inspiring ambition, mobilizing action, and accelerating progress toward cutting global food loss

and waste. He serves as advisor to many national governments (including China and Vietnam) on agriculture, food security and nutrition. In 2014, Dr. Fan received the Hunger Hero Award from the World Food Programme in recognition of his commitment to and leadership in fighting hunger worldwide. Dr. Fan received a Ph.D. in applied economics from the University of Minnesota and bachelor's and master's degrees from Nanjing Agricultural University in China.

Willy Foote
Founder and CEO
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Willy Foote is founder and CEO of Root Capital, a nonprofit agricultural impact investor that provides capital, delivers financial training, and strengthens market connections for businesses in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Since 1999, Root Capital has disbursed more than \$950 million in credit to over 600 rural enterprises that are building sustainable livelihoods for 1.2 million smallholder farmers. Foote is on the Executive Committee of the Aspen Network for Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), and is a member of Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) and the Council on Foreign Relations. He received the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship in 2005, and was named an Ashoka Fellow in 2007, a Young Global Leader by the

World Economic Forum in 2008, and one of Forbes' "Impact 30" in 2011. He is a 2012 Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. He holds an M.S. in development economics from the London School of Economics and a B.A. from Yale University.

Dr. Agnes Kalibata
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As President of AGRA, Dr. Kalibata leads the organization's efforts with public and private partners to ensure a food secure and prosperous Africa through rapid, sustainable agricultural growth, improving the productivity and livelihoods of millions of smallholder farmers.

Prior to joining AGRA in September 2014, Dr. Kalibata was Rwanda's Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI). In this role, she was widely considered to be one of the most successful Agriculture Ministers in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2012, Dr. Kalibata received the Yara Prize, now known as the Africa Food Prize, for her great leadership in the transformation of food security and agricultural development in Rwanda in a relatively short period of time. Dr. Kalibata has held several

other leadership positions, including Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture and Deputy Vice Chancellor of University of Rwanda. She also worked for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Uganda, and various other agricultural development organizations. She sits on various boards including the International Fertilizer Development Corporation (IFDC), Institute of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, the Strategic Advisory Council of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH). Dr. Kalibata has a distinguished track record as an agricultural scientist, policy maker and thought leader. She holds a doctorate in entomology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

Moderator

Ambassador Samantha Power

U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations

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Ambassador Samantha Power is the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of President Obama’s Cabinet. At the United Nations, Ambassador Power works to advance U.S. interests, promote and defend universal values, and address pressing global challenges to global peace, security, and prosperity.

Prior to serving as U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Power served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights on the National Security Staff at the White House. In this role she focused on issues including UN reform; LGBT and women’s rights; the promotion of religious freedom and the protection of religious minorities; human trafficking; and democracy and human rights.

Before joining the U.S. government, Ambassador Power was the Anna Lindh Professor of the Practice of Global Leadership and Public Policy at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, teaching courses on U.S. foreign policy, human rights, and UN reform. She was also the founding executive director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy.

Ambassador Power is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “A Problem from Hell”: America and the Age of Genocide (2002) and Chasing the Flame: Sergio Vieira de Mello and the Fight to Save the World (2008), the basis for the award-winning HBO documentary, “Sergio.” She is also the recent co-editor of The Unquiet American: Richard Holbrooke in the World (2011).

Ambassador Power began her career as a journalist, reporting from places such as Bosnia, East Timor, Kosovo, Rwanda, Sudan, and Zimbabwe, and contributed regularly to The Atlantic Monthly, The New Republic, the New York Review of Books, and The New Yorker Magazine.

Ambassador Power immigrated to the United States from Ireland at the age of nine. She graduated from Lakeside High School in Atlanta, Georgia and received a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. She is married to Cass Sunstein, with whom she has two young children.

Rakesh Rajani
Director, Civic Engagement and Government
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Rakesh Rajani leads the Civic Engagement and Government team and has directed the foundation’s work to advance democratic participation and transparent, effective, and accountable governance.

Rajani joined the foundation in 2015. A global leader on issues of social justice, he has been at the forefront of citizen engagement and government accountability for two decades. He currently serves on the board of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the board of directors at the International Budget Partnership, the advisory board of the Open Contracting Partnership, and the

steering committee of the Transparency and Accountability Initiative.

Before joining the foundation in 2015, Rajani was based in Tanzania, where he served as head of Twaweza (We Can Make It Happen), an organization he founded to promote basic learning, advance access to information, and increase government responsiveness. Previously, Rajani served as the lead civil society chair for the Open Government Partnership, an initiative to promote government transparency and accountability. He founded and served as executive director for HakiElimu (Education Rights), combining pioneering research with humor and satire to engage citizens in education reform. An earlier venture, Kuleana Centre for Children’s Rights, which Rajani co-founded in his hometown of Mwanza, Tanzania, became one of Africa’s leading centers for children’s rights and established Tanzania’s first center for sexual health, linking work on HIV/AIDS, sexuality, youth, gender, and human rights. Rajani holds a master’s degree in theological studies from Harvard University and earned his bachelor’s degree in philosophy and English and American literature from Brandeis University.

Douglas Rutzen
President and CEO
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Doug Rutzen is President and CEO of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, which has worked in 100 countries to help develop the legal framework for civil society, philanthropy, and public participation. He also teaches at Georgetown University Law Center, serves on the advisory board of the United Nations Democracy Fund, and co-chairs the civil society pillar of the Community of Democracies.

Rutzen is a member of InterAction’s Board of Directors, serves on USAID’s Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, and co-chaired the State Department’s Global Philanthropy Working Group. Under Rutzen’s leadership, ICNL received a MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, the organizational analogue to MacArthur’s “genius

award” for individuals. Rutzen has been working with civil society for 30 years. He is a graduate of Yale Law School, with undergraduate studies at Cornell and Oxford.

Svitlana Zalischchuk
Member of Parliament
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Svitlana Zalischchuk was elected as a member of Ukrainian Parliament in October 2014. She is a member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and the head of the Sub-Committee on European and Euro-Atlantic Relations. Svitlana is a member of the Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. She sits on the Committee of Anti-discrimination and Equality. Zalischchuk's current activities include foreign affairs and security, human rights, including anticorruption, with a focus on LGBT issues and gender equality. Zalischchuk was the first MP in Ukraine who publicly joined the LGBT pride movement in 2015.

On July 9, 2016, Zalischchuk was elected as a co-head of a new political party, the Democratic Alliance party, with a platform to unite pro-democratic political forces in Ukraine. Prior to joining Parliament, Zalischchuk was an active leader of the EuroMaidan movement that started in 2013. In particular, her organization, Centre UA, coordinated the biggest Facebook page (*Euromaidan*) in Ukrainian history, which played a critical role in the Revolution of Dignity. Zalischchuk worked for five years as Executive Director of Centre UA, her Kiev-based non-governmental organization with a special focus on human rights, particularly anti-corruption. Zalischchuk was also the coordinator of number of influential civic campaigns in Ukraine, including the 'Reanimation Package of Reforms' (that after the Euromaidan events united more than 50 NGOs and experts to promote democratic reforms and policies). Zalischchuk was a founder of CHESNO (Fair) movement that worked to bring transparency and accountability to Ukrainian politics. Additionally, in 2010, she was a co-initiator of the journalist movement, Stop Censorship! In 2005-2006, Svitlana was a head of the Department of Information in the Administration of the President of Ukraine. Zalischchuk graduated from Institute of Journalism, National Taras Shevchenko University. In 2011, she was a fellow of the Stanford Draper Hill Summer Fellowship.

TRANSFORMING GLOBAL HEALTH

Moderator
Ambassador Susan E. Rice
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Ambassador Susan E. Rice is the President's National Security Advisor. She oversees the National Security Council Staff, chairs the Cabinet level National Security Principals Committee, provides the President's daily national security briefing, and is responsible for the coordination and integration of the Administration's foreign policy, intelligence, and military efforts. From January 2009 until assuming the role of National Security Advisor in July 2013, Ambassador Rice served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of President Obama's Cabinet. At the United Nations, she worked to advance U.S. interests, defend universal values, strengthen the world's common security and prosperity, and promote respect for human

rights. Under Ambassador Rice's leadership, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations helped win the stiffest UN sanctions ever against Iran and North Korea, unprecedented action to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and materials, support for life-saving interventions in Libya and Cote d'Ivoire, cooperation on the referendum for independence in Southern Sudan, vital UN assistance in Afghanistan and Iraq, and initial progress on reform of the flawed UN Human Rights Council. In a world of 21st-century threats that pay no heed to borders, rebuilding a strong basis for international cooperation has helped the United States tackle its foreign policy priorities and make the American people safer.

Prior to serving as U.S. Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Rice served as Senior Advisor for National Security Affairs on the Obama for America Campaign. She later served on the Advisory Board of the Obama-Biden Transition and as co-chair of its policy working group on national security. From 2002-2009, she was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, where she focused on U.S. foreign policy, transnational security threats, weak states, global poverty and development. From 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Rice was the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. In this position, she formulated and implemented U.S. policy for 48 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and oversaw the management of 43 U.S. Embassies and more than 5,000 U.S. and Foreign Service national employees. In 2000, Ambassador Rice was co-recipient of the White House's 2000 Samuel Nelson Drew Memorial Award for distinguished contributions to the formation of peaceful, cooperative relationships between states.

From 1995-1997, Ambassador Rice served as Special Assistant to President William J. Clinton and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council at the White House. From 1993-1995, she served as the Director for International Organizations and Peacekeeping on the National Security Council staff. Previously, Ambassador Rice was a management consultant with McKinsey and Company and also served on numerous boards, including the National Democratic Institute and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Ambassador Rice received her M.Phil (Master's degree) and D.Phil. (Ph.D) in International Relations from New College, Oxford University, England, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She was awarded the Chatham House-British International Studies Association Prize for the most distinguished doctoral dissertation in the United Kingdom in the field of International Relations. Ambassador Rice received her B.A. in History with honors from Stanford University, where she graduated junior Phi Beta Kappa and was a Truman Scholar. Ambassador Rice is married to Ian Cameron and has two children.

Michelle Nunn
CEO
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Michelle Nunn is president and CEO of CARE USA, a leading humanitarian organization that fights global poverty and provides lifesaving assistance in emergencies. CARE places a special focus on working alongside poor girls and women because, equipped with the proper resources, they have the power to lift whole families and entire communities out of poverty. Last year, CARE worked in 90 countries around the world and reached more than 72 million people. Nunn, who took the helm of CARE in July, has devoted her 25-year career to civic and public service as a social entrepreneur, a nonprofit CEO and a candidate for U.S. Senate. She co-founded the volunteer-mobilization organization Hands On Atlanta, growing its volunteer engagement model

from a single entity to a national network of more than 50 affiliates. Nunn helped initiate and oversaw that group's merger with Points of Light, founded by President George H. W. Bush to promote volunteerism. The merger yielded the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service, with affiliates across the globe engaging more than 70,000 corporations and nonprofit organizations. Nunn served as Points of Light CEO from 2007 to 2013. Under her tenure, the organization spearheaded a variety of innovations including a Civic Accelerator for entrepreneurial ventures, the Corporate Institute and the Billion and Change initiative generating billions of dollars of corporate pro bono commitments.

As a respected and nationally recognized leader in the service and nonprofit sector, Nunn served on President George W. Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation and as a co-convenor of the ServiceNation Coalition, which helped pass the bi-partisan Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the *Fast Company* Social Capitalist Award and honorary degrees from Oglethorpe University and Wesleyan College. *The NonProfit Times* has named Nunn seven times to its annual "Power and Influence Top 50" list of change agents from the nonprofit sector. *Georgia Trend* magazine named Nunn — a Georgia native — one of its "100 Most Influential Georgians," and the Anti-Defamation League awarded her its 2005 Torch of Liberty. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Virginia, Nunn majored in history with a minor in religion. She received a Kellogg Fellowship to study faith and social justice in more than a dozen countries, from Peru to Namibia to Jordan. Nunn earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where she received the prestigious Public Service Fellowship. Nunn lives in Atlanta with her husband, Ron Martin, and their two children, Vinson and Elizabeth.

Dr. Kent Brantly
Doctor

John Peter Smith Family Medicine Residency Program, Fort Worth, Texas

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Kent Brantly is an American doctor, and currently part of the Clinical Faculty of the John Peter Smith Family Medicine Residency Program in Fort Worth, Texas, where he directs patient care and teaches residents in the clinic and in the hospital. Previously, he was with the medical mission group Samaritan's Purse. While treating Ebola patients in Liberia, he contracted the virus. He became the first American to return to the United States to be treated for the disease. Brantly was born in Indianapolis, and with his wife Amber Brantly, has two children. Brantly attended Abilene Christian University in Texas, where he earned an undergraduate degree in biblical text in

2003. He earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in 2009 and completed his family medicine residency and fellowship in maternal child health at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. Brantly and his wife served as medical missionaries in Monrovia, Liberia, with World Medical Mission, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse. After contracting the Ebola virus in summer 2014, he was evacuated to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, where he recovered and was later reunited with his family. Brantly's first public speaking engagement after his release from Emory hospital was on October 10, 2014, at his alma mater, Abilene Christian University. In September 2014, he testified at a joint Senate hearing on the Ebola crisis in West Africa and met privately with President Obama at the White House. That month he donated his plasma three times to American Ebola patients. In 2014, he, along with other medical professionals involved in treating Ebola patients, became *Time* magazine's Person of the Year. In 2015 Brantly gave the invocation at the National Prayer Breakfast attended by President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. On July 21, 2015, the Brantlys released a book written

with biographer David Thomas titled *Called for Life: How Loving Our Neighbor Led Us Into the Heart of the Ebola Epidemic* published by WaterBrook Press.

Pape Gaye
President and CEO
IntraHealth International



Pape Amadou Gaye is president and CEO of IntraHealth International. Under Gaye's leadership, IntraHealth has garnered a strong reputation as an organization that fosters local solutions to health care challenges by improving health worker performance and strengthening health systems. For over three decades, Gaye has advocated for, built, and leveraged strong partnerships with governments, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to catalyze change and enable health workers to better serve communities in need. A native of Senegal, Gaye began his career in international development as a trainer of Peace Corps volunteers in Senegal and Benin. As the director of IntraHealth International's regional office for

West, Central, and North Africa, Gaye focused on improving the performance of health workers and health systems to more effectively serve clients and communities with quality care. Gaye continues to pursue his lifelong commitment by collaborating with leaders in developing countries to encourage sustainable development in vulnerable communities. He also continues to advocate for family planning, especially in his native West Africa, as a high-impact solution to address health and population challenges. As an expert on the global health worker crisis and human capacity building, Gaye speaks and writes extensively on these subjects. He holds an MBA from the University of California at Los Angeles and has also previously worked for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Committee and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

PARTNERING TO FINANCE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Moderator

Marisa Lago

Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development

U.S. Department of the Treasury

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Marisa Lago was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development. In this position, Lago is responsible for leading Treasury's role on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. She will also direct Treasury's portfolio on international financial services regulation, trade, banking and securities, development, technical assistance, and climate finance. Lago most recently served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Empire State Development, where she pushed forward important long-term development projects, including the revitalization of Erie Canal Harbor in Buffalo, the expansion and renovation of the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan, and the construction of Brooklyn Bridge Park. Immediately prior to joining New York State government, Lago spent five years as the Global Head of Compliance for Citigroup's corporate and

investment bank. Before joining Citigroup, Lago headed the Office of International Affairs for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. As the head of the office responsible for all aspects of the SEC's international activities, Lago played a key role in numerous international initiatives involving trade in financial services, international accounting standards, securities activities on the internet and enhancing financial regulation in off-shore financial centers. As Boston's Chief Economic Development Officer from 1994 to 1997, Lago headed the Boston Redevelopment Authority and was also responsible for the city's public housing, affordable housing, neighborhood development and job training agencies. From 1990 to 1994, she was General Counsel for New York City's Economic Development Corporation. Lago earned a J.D. cum laude in 1982 from Harvard Law School, and a B.S. in physics from Cooper Union in 1977.

Elizabeth L. Littlefield
President and CEO
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Elizabeth L. Littlefield was appointed by President Obama as the President and CEO of OPIC, an Under Secretary level position. OPIC, as the U.S. Government's Development Finance Institution, manages an \$18 billion portfolio of financing and insurance to support private investment in sustainable economic development, especially in the world's poorest countries. Under Littlefield's leadership, OPIC's annual commitments to renewable resources projects grew ten-fold in three years to \$1.5 billion, while generating increasing income for the U.S. federal budget. Littlefield has also instituted major reforms of the agency's policies, systems, and processes, and has introduced new financial innovations to augment the agency's development impact. From 2000 until 2010 Littlefield was CEO of CGAP (Consultative Group to Assist the Poor), a policy and research center housed at the World Bank dedicated to advancing poor people's access to financial services. Prior to joining CGAP in 1999, Littlefield was JP Morgan's Managing Director in charge of capital markets and financing in emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa, among other positions. Littlefield spent 1989-1990 in West and Central Africa consulting several start-up microfinance institutions. She is a graduate of Brown University and also attended Ecole Nationale de Sciences Politiques in Paris.

Gary Hattem
Managing Director and Head, Global Social Finance, Deutsche Bank
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Gary Hattem is a Managing Director of Deutsche Bank and heads the Global Social Finance group as well as its Americas Foundation. He is responsible for lending and investment activities, within the U.S. and throughout the developing world, that benefit social enterprises and disadvantaged communities. He also oversees Deutsche Bank's corporate citizenship activities for the Americas. Hattem established the Global Social Finance group when he joined Deutsche Bank in 1990. He is recognized as an innovative leader in the field of private sector investment in distressed communities having pioneered many initiatives in the fields of urban regeneration, microfinance and climate. Over the past two decades he has overseen nearly \$3 billion in financing for

projects and enterprises which benefit the poor. In addition to this financing role, Hattem is the President of the Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation managing its philanthropic program with grants made in the fields of education and the arts, as well as, community development. Beyond the United States, the Foundation has an active grants program in Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Peru. Hattem holds many leadership positions in philanthropy and community reinvestment. Most notably, he is a Trustee of Pratt Institute, Chairman of the Carbon Initiative for Community Impact and Chairman of the Global Microfinance Consortium II. Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, Hattem was the first Executive Director of the St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corporation, a non-governmental organization. Under his 15-year leadership, the organization advanced the revitalization of the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York. Hattem holds a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from Pratt Institute and a B.S. Degree from Purchase College. In 2009 he was selected as an American Council on Germany McCloy Environmental Fellow.

Alix Zwane
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Alix Zwane is a social entrepreneur and CEO of the Global Innovation Fund, a \$200 million fund that takes a venture capital approach to supporting entrepreneurs and the scaling of evidence-based innovation in global health and development. She has previously served as Executive Director at Evidence Action, a nonprofit that leads the Deworm the World Initiative and develops business models for effective development programs. She was Senior Program Officer in the Global Development group at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and a member of the inaugural team at google.org. Her stint in philanthropy was preceded by experience in management consulting and academia at the University of California, Berkeley. Zwane holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University and has published widely in environmental and development economics journals.

Julie T. Katzman
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Julie T. Katzman is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Inter-American Development Bank. Ms. Katzman came to the IDB in 2009 after a successful career as an investment banker, bringing private sector expertise together with a lifelong interest in development and previous work with other development oriented organizations. Her first job at the IDB was as head of its private sector oriented grant arm where she narrowed its areas of focus and increased its level of development effectiveness, innovation and collaboration. In 2010, Ms. Katzman assumed her current role managing the overall operations of the IDB. In that context, she has been responsible for driving change throughout the organization in a number of areas including an increased focus on achieving, measuring and visualizing results; breaking down silos of activity and creating incentives for multi-sectoral collaboration; increasing the focus of the Bank on sustainability, gender, diversity and inclusion; bringing more innovation to the work of the Bank; and, the consolidation of the IDB's private sector. She has

also played a significant role in crafting the IDB's next generation of capital and risk policies and the execution of innovative structures to improve the IDB's capital ratios. Ms. Katzman is also a frequent speaker on a broad range of development topics. Ms. Katzman's work has been recognized through a number of awards including Latin Trade Magazine's Top 50 Businesswomen in Latin America in 2014 and 2015 and Global Diversity Magazine's Top 10 Influential Women in Global Diversity. Currently, Ms. Katzman serves on the Board of Directors of the MacArthur Foundation and the International Center for Research on Women, the Board of Advisors of Instituto de Empresa in Madrid and is a member of the International Council on Women's Business Leaders.

Dr. Mohamed A. El-Erian
Chief Economic Advisor, Allianz SE
Chair, President's Global Development Council

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Before joining Allianz, Dr. El-Erian held positions as chief executive and co-chief investment officer of PIMCO and president and CEO of Harvard Management Company, the entity that manages Harvard's endowment and related accounts. Dr. El-Erian was also a managing director at Salomon Smith Barney/Citigroup in London and spent 15 years with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. Dr. El-Erian has published widely on international economic and finance topics. His 2008 best-seller, *When Markets Collide*, was named a book of the year by *The Economist*, and one of the best business books of all time by *The Independent* (UK). He was one of *Foreign Policy's* "Top 100 Global Thinkers" for four years in a row, and is a contributing editor for the *Financial Times*. His newest book – *The Only Game in Town: Central Banks, Instability and Avoiding the Next Collapse* – is another *New York Times* best-seller. He has served on several boards and

committees, including the U.S. Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee, and the New York Fed's Investor Advisory Committee on Financial Markets. Since 2007, he has chaired Microsoft's Investment Advisory Board. Dr. El-Erian holds a master's degree and doctorate in economics from Oxford University. He received an undergraduate degree from Cambridge University, where he is now an Honorary Fellow of Queens' College.

ENGAGING GENERATION NOW

Moderator

Dana J. Hyde
CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation

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Dana J. Hyde was nominated by President Obama to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation in September 2013, and she was unanimously confirmed by the Senate in May 2014. As CEO, Hyde oversees a portfolio of roughly \$4 billion in economic assistance programs aimed at reducing poverty, spurring growth, and advancing America's interests around the globe. A former State Department and White House official, Hyde brings more than 20 years of experience in law and public policy to MCC. At MCC, she has directed new agency partnerships in Asia and some of the poorest regions in

Africa, elevated MCC's focus on policy reforms to catalyze private investment, and worked to ensure that American aid dollars are efficiently and effectively reaching those in need. Hyde also led the release of MCC's strategic plan, NEXT, outlining a vision for the future of MCC.

Prior to joining MCC, Hyde served as Associate Director at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), leading a team that managed more than \$150 billion in budgetary resources during a time of difficult choices and increasing fiscal constraint. At the U.S. State Department, Hyde helped establish the Office of Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary. Earlier in her career, Hyde served as counsel to the 9/11 Commission. She also worked in the White House, where she coordinated policy and outreach initiatives for federal agencies handling national security and trade policy as Special Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs.

Luthando Christopher Vuba
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Luthando Christopher 'Chris' Vuba is an Urban Planner, currently serving as Assistant Director for Integrated Government Planning at the Department of Transport and Public Works in Cape Town, South Africa. He is a 2015 Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Mandela Washington Fellow who went to Wagner College in New York to further build his skills in civic leadership. Vuba is chairperson of the South African Planning Institute, which is a voluntary organization that brings together urban planners to discuss, lobby, and engage on urban policy with private and public entities and Educating Athletes, an NGO that assists prospective young athletes from underprivileged backgrounds with academic support, mentoring in leadership

development, and their sporting development. Vuba advises startups on market access and entrepreneurial development. Vuba serves as chairperson of the YALI Regional Advisory Board for the Southern Africa Region. He holds a bachelor's degree in Town and Regional Planning from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

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Marwa Moaz is the Co-founder and Managing Director of El Mashroua, LLC and Middle East/North Africa Regional Director for Bamyán Media. El Mashroua is a social enterprise that makes money from the production and sales of its primary TV show, El Mashroua, to major TV networks in the Arab world. The objective of El Mashroua is to catalyze entrepreneurship and skills development in the Arab World and to support the growth of innovative new business ventures, helping young people to find meaningful jobs and develop the economy. Moaz is also a Researcher at a Feed the Future Innovation Lab. Moaz is passionate about public health and creating impact-oriented television shows for social change. She received a USAID

grant for the early work on her TV show.

Christiana (Ana) Lang
Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
Thailand



As a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) from Thailand 2014-2016, Christiana Lang has recently landed back in America from her work as an international peace-builder, youth development worker. She was raised in California, earned her B.A. in Politics and Government and Sociology at the University of Hartford, and currently resides in Frederick, MD. Internationally, Lang has volunteered in Mexico, Thailand, and India promoting education, gender equality, and life-skills development. She has created programs under the umbrella of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let Girls Learn initiative and appeared at the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Forum on Youth Volunteerism.

Lang served as head of the Gender Equality Committee while serving for 27 months as a PCV in Thailand. She was integral in creating a culturally accepted version of Student Friendly Schools Workshop, which addressed school-related gender-based violence at the level of educator and administration. Her work has been featured in *Women in Foreign Policy*, a publication dedicated to the promotion of guiding young women toward becoming future global leaders.

Most recently, Lang has contracted with United Way to build and globally standardize a service learning program for multi-socioeconomic young people in connection with local non-governmental organizations. She will next pursue international conflict resolution in graduate school to ensure gender equality within the entire peace-building process.

Shannon Green
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Shannon N. Green is director and senior fellow of the Human Rights Initiative at CSIS. She brings deep experience in human rights, civil society strengthening, and international development, with over 13 years in the U.S. government, academia, and the nonprofit sector. Prior to joining CSIS, Green was senior director for global engagement on the National Security Council staff. In that role, she developed and coordinated policies and initiatives to deepen and broaden U.S. engagement with critical populations overseas, including spearheading the president's Stand with Civil Society Agenda and young leader initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Western Hemisphere. She was also involved in the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism and in efforts to discredit and

delegitimize ISIL and counter its propaganda.

From 2008 to 2013, Green worked at the Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where she led the development of policies, strategies, and programs to advance political reform and human rights in the Middle East and North Africa. She contributed to USAID's response to the Arab Spring, initiating new programs to support civil society and enhance the transparency and credibility of elections and other political

processes across the region. In 2009, Green joined the interagency elections team in Afghanistan, where she coordinated the international election observation effort and put measures in place to enhance women's participation. From 2004 to 2008, she served in USAID's Asia and Near East Bureau, where she was responsible for managing strategic planning, performance reporting, and budget formulation processes and pioneering new development approaches in fragile, conflict, and post-conflict environments. Green received her B.A. in political science and history from the University of Georgia and her M.A. in international peace and conflict resolution from American University.

POWER AFRICA: PARTNERSHIPS AS A SOURCE OF POWER

Moderator

Leocadia Zak

Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency

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Leocadia I. Zak was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency which helps U.S. businesses create jobs through the export of their goods and services for priority development projects in emerging economies. USTDA links U.S. companies to export opportunities by funding project planning activities, pilot projects and reverse trade missions while creating sustainable infrastructure and economic growth in partner countries. USTDA provides a demonstrable return on taxpayer investment, generating an average \$74 in U.S. exports for every dollar it programs. Further, the \$11.8 billion in new exports identified in FY15, brings USTDA's total exports generated to over \$53 billion. Since 2009, USTDA has launched innovative initiatives to connect U.S. businesses to the Agency's export promotion programs. Making Global Local, the largest domestic outreach strategy in USTDA's history, leverages partnerships with

state and local trade entities to open overseas markets for U.S. goods and services. The Global Procurement Initiative levels the playing field for U.S. companies in emerging economies by advancing the utilization of best-value determinations and life-cycle cost analyses in public procurements. The Agency focuses its funding for activities in priority countries and key sectors, concentrating investments in areas with the highest potential for U.S. exports while promoting sustainable development overseas.

Prior to joining USTDA, Zak was a partner in the Washington and Boston offices of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., practicing in the areas of corporate, municipal and international finance. Zak was also an Adjunct Professor of Law and has taught International Project Finance at the Boston University School of Law, Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law Studies and at the Georgetown University Law Center. Zak received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

Rachel Kyte
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Rachel Kyte is Chief Executive Officer of the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All), and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All. A leading advocate for sustainable development, Kyte is focused on affordable, reliable and sustainable energy as the key to combating both poverty and climate change. Kyte drives SE4All's work to mobilize action towards its 2030 goals of ensuring universal access to modern energy services; doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency; and doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix. As Special Representative for the Secretary General, she is the point person in the UN for action towards the recently agreed global goal on sustainable energy.

Kyte served until December 2015 as World Bank Group Vice President and Special Envoy for Climate Change, leading the Bank Group's efforts to campaign for an ambitious agreement at the 21st Convention of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 21). She was previously World Bank Vice President for Sustainable Development and was the International Finance Corporation Vice President for Business Advisory Services. Recipient of numerous awards for women's leadership, climate action and sustainable development, she is a Professor of practice in sustainable development at Tuft's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. She holds a master's degree in international relations from Fletcher, and a bachelor's degree in history and politics from the University of London.

Nebiyou Girma
Ethiopia Transaction Advisor
Power Africa



Neb Girma has a more than 20 year track record in the Energy/Utility Industry in the United States, and has been Lead Transaction Advisor in Ethiopia for Power Africa for the last three years. He has worked in technical, financial, and management capacities for the likes of DPL Inc., Duke Energy, NextEra Energy Resources, and for helices of Deloitte and Nexant Inc. in Africa. He brings with him a wealth of experience in developing and negotiating agreements for renewable energy projects in East Africa. He has been directly involved in the development, vetting and acquisition of over 1,000 MWs of wind and solar projects in the Midwest for NextEra Energy Resources. Girma joined the Power Africa Initiative as Lead Transaction Advisor for Ethiopia and the Eastern Africa Power Pool. In his current role, he is advising the Government of Ethiopia in developing legal and regulatory policies that will spur private sector investment in the

power sector. He is a key member of negotiating teams for the 1,000 MW Corbetti geothermal project and currently helping EEP to competitively tender a number of large- scale solar, wind and hydro projects. He and his team are currently working with the government and utilities by coordinating with multiple ministries to put the right legal, regulatory, financial and technical policies in place to attract private sector investment into the Ethiopian power sector. Girma graduated from the University of Dayton, Ohio in 1994 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and received his MBA/Finance from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2005.

Joseph C. Brandt
President and CEO
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Joseph C. Brandt is the President and Chief Executive Officer of ContourGlobal, an electric power development and operating company he founded with Reservoir Capital Group in 2005. ContourGlobal has two primary lines of business. Through its ContourGlobal Solutions division, the Company develops and operates innovative quad-generation facilities for beverage companies throughout the world. These facilities provide on-site supply of electricity, water, steam and carbon dioxide, all in an environmentally friendly way. ContourGlobal also develops and operates large power generation facilities in underserved markets in Sub-Saharan Africa, South America and Eastern Europe. Before co-founding

ContourGlobal in 2005, Mr. Brandt served as Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer for The AES Corporation. His responsibilities included global utility operations and development in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Ukraine comprising approximately \$15 billion in assets, \$5 billion in sales and 25,000 employees. He also served as AES's Chief Restructuring Officer, directing the operational and financial restructuring of AES's largest international investments and a variety of U.S. and international operating and greenfield assets. As Chief Restructuring Officer he oversaw the successful restructuring of businesses in Chile, Colombia and Cameroon and executed a landmark debt-for-equity restructuring of AES's businesses in Brazil with the Brazilian State development bank. Mr. Brandt earned a law degree from Georgetown University, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Virginia and a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Mason University. He was a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley and was a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Helsinki, Finland, in 1986-87. In addition to English, he speaks Russian, French and Finnish.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Strive Masiyiwa
Global humanitarian, Founder and Executive Chairman
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Strive Masiyiwa is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Econet, a diversified global telecommunications group with operations and investments in over 15 countries. His business interests also include renewable energy, financial services, media and hospitality.

Masiyiwa serves on a number of international boards, including Unilever, Rockefeller Foundation, the Council on Foreign Relations' Global Advisory Board, the Africa Progress Panel, the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board for Sustainable Energy, Morehouse College, Hilton Foundation's Humanitarian Prize Jury and the

Kenjin-Tatsujin International Advisory Council. He is one of the founders, with Sir Richard Branson, of the global think tank, the Carbon War Room, and a founding member of the Global Business Coalition on Education.

Masiyiwa took over the Chairmanship of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) from Kofi Annan. He is also Chair of the Micronutrient Initiative, a global organization focused on ending child hunger and improving nutrition. He is the former co-Chair of the AU/WEF platform for investment in African agriculture, known as GROW Africa. In 2012, Masiyiwa was invited by President Obama to address leaders at the Camp David G-8 Summit on how to increase food production and end hunger in parts of Africa.

In 2014, Masiyiwa was selected to Fortune Magazine's list of the "World's 50 Greatest Leaders". As a philanthropist, he is a member of the Giving Pledge, and his contributions to education, health and development have been widely recognized. Masiyiwa and his wife finance the Higher Life Foundation, which provides scholarships to over 42,000 African orphans. In 2015, he was the recipient of the International Rescue Committee's Freedom Award and was presented with a UN Foundation Global Leadership Award for the work of the Africa Against Ebola Solidarity Trust, which he chairs and helped establish to fund the deployment of African healthcare workers to combat the outbreak in West Africa.